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LABOR LEADERS CALL ON TAFT

Gompers and Mitchell Aim to Improve the Condition of Laboring Man.

DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS

It is desired that the President incorporate in Message Recommendations Favorable to Labor—Taft Has Decided Not to Say Anything Concerning Sherman Law.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Recommendations looking towards the improvement of the condition of the laboring man, which it is desired the President incorporate in his annual message to congress, were urged upon Taft today by a delegation of labor leaders, headed by Gompers and Mitchell.

Gompers submitted to the president a number of matters upon which it was hoped he would act favorably. The foremost of these was concerning the issuance of injunctions by federal judges, particularly as they apply to the settlement of disputes between employers and employees. The exemption of labor organizations from certain provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act was discussed for some time.

The president has practically decided his message will make no detailed recommendations regarding the Sherman act. His decision, which is a decided change from his intentions of a few weeks ago, is largely based upon the fact there are pending in the supreme court and on their way to the highest tribunal a number of important cases involving the interpretation of that act.

He feels, it is said, that specific recommendations from him at this time might be construed as an attempt to influence the court in some manner.

KING SOUGHT AS MEDIATOR.

London, Nov. 29.—A request that King Edward mediate the Alsop claim dispute between the U. S. and Chile was made by the U. S. today. His majesty had been communicated with informally on the subject before but at that time gave a non-committal reply to the suggestion.

CANALS SHOW MARS PEOPLED?

Three New Markings Seen By Lowell Said to Indicate Life.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 29.—According to Mrs. David Todd, wife of Prof. Todd of Amherst college, who is herself well versed in astronomy, Prof. Percival Lowell has discovered three new canals on Mars.

"There has been no great calamity on Mars," said Mrs. Todd, "but there have been some changes, more pronounced than is usual at this time of the year. The great ice cap seemed to disappear, but now it is growing larger again and is approaching the normal."

"Prof. Lowell says he has found three or four new canals of recent making up there. These canals look to us like signs of intelligent, purposive work rather than natural markings."

OFFICIAL PRESS AGENT IN WASHINGTON.



PHILLIP PATCHEN.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Official Washington has an official press agent, Phillip Patchen has just been appointed by the secretary of state as press correspondent. His duties will consist of the collecting and disseminating of diplomatic correspondence which will be circulated exclusively in the foreign service. He will also keep a close watch on the foreign press with a view to ascertain governmental policies on questions which concern the United States.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE BESIDE FATHER'S BODY

To Carry Out the Last Wish of Her Parent, a Wealthy Club Man, Miss Juanita C. Howard of Chicago, is Married Beside Casket to Irving Herriott, an Attorney.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Beside the body of her father, James Howard, formerly secretary of the Washington Park club and one of the best known horsemen in the country, Miss Juanita C. Howard was married today to Irving Herriott, an attorney. The last wish of Howard, who was fatally injured by an automobile last week, was that his daughter should be married in his presence. Before the license could be obtained Howard had become unconscious and died without regaining consciousness. The funeral service was set for this afternoon and before the last rites were paid to the dead, Miss Howard and Herriott stood beside the open casket containing her father's remains and were joined in matrimony. Rev. J. W. Nicely, who later officiated at the funeral, reading the marriage lines.

WILL ERECT MONUMENT.

Good Feeling Between Germany and Austria to Be Commemorated.

Vienna, Nov. 29.—To commemorate the entente between Germany and Austria-Hungary during the troubles on the Balkan peninsula which led to the annexation to Austria of the former Turkish border provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the erection of a national monument is planned. The model of the monument has already been accepted by the committee in charge. It is to be executed in bronze and marble, of heroic proportions, and is to be placed upon the "Schmelz," formerly used as a maneuver ground for the Vienna garrison. The monument will consist of a double column. One side will show the figure of a warrior, resting his right hand upon a sword entwined with oak leaf garlands, and bearing a shield with the arms of Germany, while the other side will show a similar figure holding a shield with the Austro-Hungarian coat-of-arms.

MURDERER MAKES HIS ESCAPE.

Frontenac, Kas., Nov. 29.—It is not believed by the authorities here that the slayer of the Bork family, who were murdered near here last Friday night, will ever be apprehended. It is declared the murderer, if caught, will be lynched.

GRAFT CASE IS STARTED.

Architect of Pennsylvania Capitol Placed on Trial Today.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 29.—A special term of the criminal court convened today for the trial of the conspiracy case against Joseph M. Huston, architect of the State Capitol. Huston was indicted with John H. Sanderson, the contractor, since deceased; ex-Auditor General W. P. Snyder, ex-State Treasurer W. L. Mathews, deceased, and ex-Superintendent J. M. Shumaker on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the State in connection with a bill for 273 desks installed in the Capitol.

NEBRASKA MAN IS HONORED.

Manila, Nov. 29.—Frank White was appointed director of education for the Philippine Islands to succeed Barrows, resigned. White was reared in Nebraska and graduated from the University of Chicago in 1900, coming to the Philippines the following year.

TWO GAMES IN THE INDOOR BASEBALL LEAGUE THIS WEEK

There was a good attendance Saturday night at the opening of the Calumet indoor baseball league, when the C. & H. machinists defeated the strong North Tamarack team by the score of 20 to 6. The result came as a great surprise to the followers of the game. The victory was due in a measure to the excellent pitching of Nelson. This twirler had everything, including curves, speed, and other tricks of the game, and had the North Tamarack boys guessing the greater part of the time. The mining boys played very raggedly at times, and to this and clever pitching on the part of Nelson must their defeat be ascribed.

One or two changes are noted in the schedule for this week. The next game will be played on Wednesday evening in the Y. M. C. A., instead of Dec. 2 in the Light Guard armory. This game is between the Commercial and the Light Guards. Saturday night's game will also be played in the association gym between the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Jacket teams.

Beginning with Monday evening, Dec. 6, the schedule as previously published, giving the teams, dates and places where the games will be played, will go into effect. The reason for the changes this week was because the local Light Guard armory was not available.

TAFT DICTATING MESSAGE.

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Taft has begun dictating his annual message to congress. He expects to complete the work and have it in the hands of the printer by the middle of the present week.

BALLINGER ON LAND GRABBING

Secretary of Interior in Annual Report Urges Vigorous Prosecutions.

PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES

Public Mind Has Rapidly Grasped the Importance of Safeguarding the Further Disposition of Our Natural Resources, He Says, and Department Will Enforce Laws.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Secretary Ballinger of the department of the interior says in his annual report, issued today: The proper use and disposition of the public lands have been questions involving no little legislative as well as administrative difficulty from the beginning of their history. They were, during the earliest administrations, treated as a national asset for the liquidation of the public debt and as a source of reward for our soldiers and sailors. Not until the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope did the policy change for one of exploitation, by which our citizens were encouraged to develop the mineral domain on condition of receiving limited areas at a nominal cost. For similar reasons, railway and wagon-road grants were liberally donated by congress in order to aid facilities for the opening up of these almost inaccessible regions.

The railway grants generally were limited to nonmineral lands, except such as contained coal and iron, which latter minerals were taken to be essential for railway construction and operation. New states were, when admitted, liberally endowed with public lands for school and other purposes; so that, out of a public domain in 1880 of 1,055,911,288 acres (Alaska then not belonging to the United States), we now have only about 731,354,081 acres, confined largely to the mountain ranges and arid lands within some of the Indian reservations and the 368,035,976 acres of undisposed of land in Alaska.

All of the principal land statutes were enacted over twenty-five years ago; the homestead act, the pre-emption and the timber-culture act, the coal-land, and the mining tracts for the aid of the industrious prospector, were among the earlier acts of this nature. The liberal and rapid disposition of the public lands under these statutes and the lax methods of administration which for a long time prevailed, naturally provoked the feeling that the public domain was legitimate prey for the unscrupulous and that it was no crime to violate or circumvent the land laws. It is to be regretted that we, as a nation, were so tardy to realize the importance of preventing so large a measure of our natural resources passing into the hands of land pirates and speculators, with no view to development looking to the national welfare.

Much Land Unlawfully Taken.

It may be safely said that millions of acres of timber and other lands have been unlawfully obtained, and it is also true that actions to recover such lands have in most instances long since been barred by the statute of limitations. The principal awakening to our wasteful course came under your predecessor's administration. The bold and vigorous prosecutions of land frauds, through Secretaries Hitchcock and Garfield, have restored a salutary respect for the law, and the public mind has rapidly grasped the importance of safeguarding the further disposition of our natural resources in the public lands in the interest of the public good as against private greed. Notwithstanding this, it is necessary to continue with utmost vigor, through all available sources, the securing of information of violations of the public land laws and to follow such violations with rigid prosecutions.

In this present policy of conserving the natural resources of the public domain, while development is the keynote, the best thought of the day is not that development shall be by national agencies, but that wise utilization shall be secured through private enterprise under national supervision and control. Therefore, if material progress is to be made in securing the best use of our remaining public lands, congress must be called upon to enact remedial legislation.

Retirement Fund for Employees.

No policy within the reach of the executive can humanely solve the difficulties involved in the discharge of superannuated clerks. The department of the interior in all its bureaus in Washington is laboring under a great disadvantage in trying to introduce modern business methods and to keep pace with the increasing volume of work, because of its inability to retire members of the clerical and laboring force after they have become incapacitated by age or other causes. Intermitting efforts have been made to secure congressional aid to retire them upon a basis that will recognize their long service and protect them against want. An involuntary retirement and sustenance statute, by which all persons after arriving at a prescribed age or for other reasons, should be required to stand an examination before a competent board as to physical and mental ability, with a fund created by national appropriation—in the first instance, and maintained by some equitable system of contribution from salaries—would seem to me to be advisable.

ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH HANCOCK MYSTERY

Sheriff Byers on Saturday night arrested Leander Kukukila, a cousin of Matt Kukukila, whose dead body with the neck broken was found in a ravine on the Quincy hill side Saturday morning. The man is being held on suspicion in connection with the case. The inquest will be held this afternoon. The suspect, it is said, was the last man with Kukukila the night he was reported missing. He does not give a clear account of the night in question and it also is reported that the coat he wore is torn and that he fails to give a satisfactory explanation of this.

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PATRICK APPLIES FOR FREEDOM; CHRONOLOGY OF THE FAMOUS CASE.

For the twenty-fourth time Alfred T. Patrick, who was convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice, the aged Texas millionaire, appears in court in Brooklyn today in an effort to regain his freedom. The following is a chronological history of the Patrick case, which is regarded as the most remarkable of its kind in American court annals.

Sept. 29, 1900—William Marsh Rice died in his apartments in New York city.

Oct. 3—1900—A. T. Patrick, Rice's lawyer, and Charles F. Jones, Rice's valet, arrested for forgery.

Feb. 27, 1901—Jones confessed that he murdered Rice at the instigation of Patrick.

Jan. 20, 1902—Patrick's first trial began.

Mar. 26, 1902—Patrick convicted of murder in the first degree.

Apr. 7, 1902—1902—Put in death house at Sing Sing.

Mar. 3, 1903—Petition for new trial denied.

May 20, 1904—Argument on appeal to court of appeals postponed for second time.

June 9, 1905—Court refused new trial.

June 15, 1905—Patrick's execution set for August 7.

July 24, 1905—Stay granted pending appeal for reargument.

Oct. 27, 1905—Appeal for reargument denied.

Dec. 6, 1905—Patrick sentenced to death for the third time.

July 11, 1906—Application for new trial denied.

Aug. 10, 1906—Appeal taken to United States supreme court.

Sept. 2, 1906—Governor commuted Patrick's sentence to life imprisonment.

June 13, 1908—Application made for writ of habeas corpus.

June 15, 1908—Federal circuit court denied writ.

Aug. 5, 1908—Appeal taken from the decision of the federal circuit court.

Oct. 18, 1908—Motion made for appeal to U. S. supreme court on the matter of habeas corpus.

Nov. 16, 1908—Supreme court refused to take jurisdiction in the appeal or to grant the application for Patrick to appear in court on his claim that commutation is worse than death penalty.

Mar. 1, 1909—Patrick appeared in the appellate division in Brooklyn to argue for his release.

Mar. 5, 1909—Appeared in Brooklyn again and was given two weeks to prepare brief.

June 4, 1909—Application for writ of habeas corpus denied by the Appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn.

Nov. 18, 1909—Granted another writ of habeas corpus citing him to appear in the appellate division in Brooklyn to argue for his release.

Nov. 29, 1909—Taken from Sing Sing prison to the Brooklyn court to argue once more on the question of whether he was legally committed or detained.

LOCAL CATHOLIC FORESTERS WILL VISIT HANCOCK BRANCH

High Chief Ranger Thomas H. Cannon, head of the Catholic Order of Foresters of the U. S., will be in Hancock next Sunday for the purpose of visiting the Portage Lake branch of the order. An attempt is to be made to get the chief executive to come to Calumet next Monday and it is probable he will do so.

The Calumet branch of the order is making arrangements for a special street car to take the members to Hancock next Sunday, leaving the Red Jacket terminal on Sixth street at 1 o'clock p. m. mine time. All members intending being present are asked to communicate with the officers of the society in Calumet.

A determined effort is to be made to take down a big contingent, and it is hoped that as many as possible will make it convenient to attend. During the evening initiation of members will take place. A large class is being gotten together for the occasion. Calumet members of the order are enthused over the coming visit of the chief executive and will turn out in large numbers to help the Portage Lake society entertain him.

WOMEN PRAY; BANDS PLAY.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 29.—Reports from various parts of the state indicate that voting on the constitutional amendment for Prohibition is progressing quietly today. Both sides are making a strenuous fight and seem confident of victory. At some places efforts of praying bands of women and children are met by brass bands in the employ of friends of the liquor men.

NINE ADRIFT IN BOAT.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Since receipt of the announcement that nine men of the gunboat Marietta at Port Limon, Costa Rica, were adrift in a gig and a whaleboat belonging to that vessel, the navy department has received no further intelligence concerning them. They have been missing since Friday night.

At Kolshkawa the Japanese government arsenal turns out two hundred rifles and two hundred thousand cartridges a day.

PARIS POLICE NAB SWINDLERS

Four Men and Woman, Posing as American Millionaires, Taken in Custody.

MANY JEWELS FOUND IN HOME

Suspects Charged With Extensive Stealing and Defrauding of Jewelers —In St. Louis a 13-Year-Old Would-be Bank Robber is Captured by Wagon Load of Cops.

Paris, Nov. 29.—Four men and a woman, who have posed here as American millionaires, but are alleged to compose a gang of international swindlers, were arrested today, charged with extensive stealing and defrauding of jewelers.

Jewels valued at \$15,000 were found at their home. The police claim these were stolen from European houses. Two of the men gave their names as John Francis of New York, who is said to have once been expelled from France, and Jacob Hyman, of Philadelphia.

Youthful Burglar Captured.

St. Louis, Nov. 29.—Tom Gallagher, 13 years old, captured after a wagon load of policemen had surrounded the LaFayette bank, Broadway and Park avenue, early today, confessed he, with another boy, had planned to rob the bank. The other boy, who had acted as a lookout, fled when the patrol wagon appeared. Gallagher, who had ascended to the third floor of the building in an effort to get into the bank's quarters, was captured as he descended the fire escape. The boy had no burglars' tools and no weapons, and declared the other lad induced him to engage in the scheme to rob.

DIPLOMATIC SLATE READY.

Robert Bacon Will Be Named for the French Post.

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Taft has almost finished the preparation of his slate of diplomatic appointments. He has decided to send to the senate immediately after congress convenes the following nominations: RICHARD C. KERENS, of Missouri, to be ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

ROBERT BACON, of New York, to be ambassador to France.

DAVID J. HILL, of New York, to remain as ambassador to Germany.

Seth Low, of New York, continues to be considered for the appointment as ambassador to England. A. J. Montague, ex-governor of Virginia, is in the lead for the Chinese mission, although no definite selection has been made.

HOT POLITICAL CONTEST.

Most Important Election Ever Held in Alabama on Today.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 29.—Today's election in Alabama to decide the fate of the proposed prohibition amendment to the State Constitution is regarded as the most important political contest in the history of the Commonwealth. Early reports from all quarters of the state indicate an unusually large vote. In Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile and other large cities, where the interest in the result is of the keenest character, both the prohibition and the anti-prohibition leaders made every effort to get out the voters. The full returns probably will not be forthcoming before tomorrow night. Those opposed to the amendment are already claiming victory.

MOROCCAN CHIEFS SUBMIT.

Meilla, Morocco, Nov. 29.—Chiefs of the important Moroccan tribes of Kabyles, Beni Boufrur and Beni Sidel today made a formal submission to Gen. Marina with much ceremony. The chiefs even offered to raise a native force and join the Spanish troops against such Moors as are still hostile.

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AMERICAN PLAYERS LOSE.

Sydney, N. S. W., Nov. 29.—The Australian defenders of the challenge cup defeated the Americans in straight sets in the doubles of the international tennis tournament here today.

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PIRATE BAND ATTACKS SHIP IN THE BAHAMAS

British Steamer Rowan Moore Boarded by Bloodthirsty Knaves Who Are Repelled Only After Their Chieftain Had Been Thrown Overboard—Deceived by Distress Signals.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 29.—Armed with clubs and knives thirty pirates boarded the British steamship Rowan Moore in Providence channel of the Bahama islands and were repelled only after their chieftain had been thrown overboard body by the British crew. This information was brought here today by the liner Indore. The Rowan Moore left Galveston in October. The Indore's officers relate that the Rowan Moore was deceived while in the channel by signals of distress hung out by the pirate ship and that when the Moore hove alongside the pirates scrambled aboard.

IOWA CORN CONTEST.

Seventh Annual Exhibition Opens at Des Moines Today.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 29.—The seventh annual corn exhibition and contest under the auspices of the Iowa State Corn Growers' Association opened here today at the Calliseum with a larger number of entries and exhibits than ever shown in previous years and with a record-breaking aggregate of prizes. The business men of the state have vied with each other this year in offering handsome prizes for the different classes of exhibits and stimulated by this munificence, the corn growers of Iowa have made the finest showing in the history of these exhibitions.

The exhibition will close on December 11, and during the two weeks of the show the annual meeting of the Iowa State Midwinter Agricultural Congress will be held here. Eight state organizations, including the State Corn Growers' Association, the Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association, the Iowa State Farmers' Institute, the Iowa State Beekeepers' Association, the State Horticultural Society, the State Retail Implement Dealers' Association, the State Park and Forestry Association and the Des Moines Manufacturers' and Vehicle club are represented in the congress.

Three-quarters of an hour is allowed for banks to consider drafts upon them and to determine whether they are to be honored.

ELECTIONS IN ENGLAND.

Government Contemplates Dissolution of Parliament About Jan. 10.

London, Nov. 29.—The government contemplates a dissolution of parliament about the date of Jan. 10. A January election has been freely prophesied, ever since the rejection of the budget by the house of lords came within the bounds of strong probability.

Monday, January 10, will be an anniversary day for the government, for it was on the corresponding Monday in January, 1906, that the royal proclamation dissolving parliament was issued. Ministers, therefore, may deem it of good augury and choose it for the present occasion, in the hope of similar fortune.

As soon as the proclamations are made known, the whole of the writs, which are prepared beforehand, are immediately sent out to the returning officers for all the constituencies, and the general election begins. Within two days of the receipt of the writ, notice must be given of the time and place of nomination and election by each returning officer.

AGED MAN BREAKS PAROLE: ASKS TO GO BACK TO PRISON

Cripple Creek, Col., Nov. 29.—R. Stanley, aged 59, wants to be returned to the penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, because he has violated his parole, which has caused the breaking down of his health. Stanley appealed to the police for shelter and treatment. He is threatened with a nervous breakdown, which he attributes to worry over leaving Iowa without the consent of the prison authorities. The chief of police has communicated with the Iowa officials.

DEATH AT WOLVERINE.

The death occurred late Saturday night of Isaac Johnson, son of A. Johnson of Wolverine. Tuberculosis was the cause, the decedent having been ill for the past eighteen months. He was aged 22 years, and is survived by several relatives. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock from the residence, and interment in Eagle Harbor cemetery. Rev. R. Ristonen will officiate.

POLES HAVE GOOD TIME.

The members of the Polish Hussar society and friends had a splendid time Saturday night in the Italian hall when the commemoration of the Polish rebellion of 1831 was observed. A theatrical entertainment, followed by a social program, formed the special features. There was a large and enthusiastic audience present, and the evening was voted one of the best the local Poles have ever arranged.

It takes 640,000 billions of microbes to make a cubic inch.

WILSON BREAKS OFFICE RECORD

Agricultural Head Surpasses All Others for Length of Cabinet Service.

SECRETARY NEARLY 13 YEARS

Outstrips Record Held By Albert Gallatin, Secretary of Treasury in Jefferson's Administration and Who Held Office Over Twelve Years — Wilson Has Had Notable Career.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Secretary Wilson, the head of the Department of Agriculture, today broke all records for length of service in the cabinet. Until today the record for length of service as cabinet minister was held by Albert Gallatin of Pennsylvania, who was secretary of the Treasury in President Jefferson's first administration and who served in that office for twelve years, eight months and twenty days. Secretary Wilson was appointed by President McKinley on March 4, 1897, and, having served continuously ever since today surpassed the record of Albert Gallatin.

The Department of Agriculture is a comparatively new branch of the government service and Mr. Wilson is but the third man to hold the position of secretary of that department. His predecessors, Jerry Rusk and Sterling Morton were both good men, but it required a builder and organizer like Wilson to carry along the work of the department to the point where the application of science and organized methods to farming could produce great benefit to the tiller of the soil.

Mr. Wilson is now seventy-four years of age, but he does not look it. He is more than six feet tall, is powerfully built, has a pair of keen gray eyes that follow closely every word of every narrative that comes to him while he is sitting in authority at his desk in the department. He yields little to the dictates of fashion in the matter of dress, confiding himself to garb of sober tints, but with an immaculate linen, set off with a dark tie, suggests the man who is as unfailingly regular in his habits of dress as in everything else that concerns him.

The Secretary, on his way to the long service record, has figured in public life before he came into his present office. He spent three terms in Congress and gained a knowledge of official routine; then he went back to Iowa to become a professor at the Iowa Agricultural College. Then it was that the peculiarly appropriate combination struck President McKinley. Here was a man who was a farmer, who knew the practical side, but who also, by reason of his life as a pedagogue was familiar with the scientific phases of farming, and who, having served the nation in Congress, understood law-making and administrative work. It was this exceptional fitness which caused him to be appointed for the position of Secretary of Agriculture.

WILL HELP CONDUCT THE AFFAIRS OF INDIANAPOLIS



C. L. DIETZ.

Indianapolis, Nov. 29.—C. L. Dietz, who is one of the central figures in the new organization which will conduct the business affairs of this city is known as one of the greatest animal buyers in the United States. For years, Mr. Dietz has been famous for the interest he has taken in the welfare of dumb animals. As a humane office he has insisted upon a strict enforcement of all laws enacted by the Indiana legislature to protect dumb animals. During the later years of his life, Mr. Dietz has taken an especial interest in friendless children. He has worked with the state board of charities and other organizations and has placed scores of homeless children in good homes all over the state. Beginning life as a miner, Mr. Dietz has worked his way to an enviable position in the business world. His is the old story of the poor boy who had to fight his own way and he has won. In business life he is a broker.